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Seung Park, O.M.D., *President*
Peter Lok, O.M.D., *Member*
Sharon Roth, O.M.D., *Member*
Edmund Pasimio, M.D., *Member*
Tom Stewart. *Member*

STATE OF NEVADA BOARD OF ORIENTAL MEDICINE

MINUTES

Telephone Meeting of the Nevada State Board of Oriental Medicine

October 24, 2002 at 8:30 A.M.

Held at

Oriental Board Office

4475 S. Pecos Rd.

Las Vegas, NV 89121

Members Present:

Dr. Park (*President of Board*), Dr. Lok, Dr. Pasimio, Tom Stewart, Dr. Sharon Roth (*participated by telephone*)

Staff Present:

Kimberly Reese, *Executive Director*

Charlotte Bible, *Assistant Chief Deputy Attorney General (by phone)*

Earnest Figueroa, *Deputy Attorney General (in person)*

Public Present:

Steven Collins

Mark Montgomery

Michael Labrum (*telephone*)

Setsuko Sage (*telephone*)

1. Call to order, roll call, and determination of a quorum.
Dr. Park, President of the board, called the meeting to order at 8:15 A.M.
2. Adoption of Agenda
Action: Passed Unanimously
3. Approval of the Minutes for Board Meeting October 5th, 2002.
Action: Dr. Park tabled to next meeting December 21, 2002

4. Discussion regarding the proper definition of the Practical Examination
Motion: Dr. Roth motioned the practical examination to include Basic Medical Science, Law and Regulation on Health and Safety.
Second: Tom Stewart
Action: Motion Died

Motion: Dr. Lok motioned the practical examination to include Basic Medical Science, Law and Regulation on Health and Safety, and to include adding oral and clinical acupuncture and herbology.
Second: Dr. Pasimio
Action: Passed Majority
5. Discussion to approve / disapprove Steven Collins application for licensure.
Action: Tabled to next meeting December 21, 2002
6. Discussion to approve / disapprove Setsuko Sage's application for licensure.
Motion: Tom Stewart tabled to next board meeting December 21, 2002 due to more research be done on the law by Deputy Chief Attorney General, Charlotte Bible.
Second: Dr. Roth
Action: Passed Unanimously
7. Discussion regarding nomination and election of Vice-President of the board.
Motion: Dr. Park nominated Dr. Lok as Vice-President of the board
Second: Dr. Pasimio
Action: Passed Unanimously
8. Consideration of possible bill draft request to be submitted to the legislature for the 2003 legislative session.
Action: Dr. Park tabled to next meeting December 21, 2002
9. Discussion regarding reconsideration of July 20, 2002 decision regarding approval of selecting persons as an examiner or test consultant and test modality for practical examination.
Motion: Tom Stewart motioned to consider bids from testing companies at the next board meeting December 21, 2002 to write the practical exam.
Second: Dr. Roth
Action: Passed unanimously

10. Discussion regarding reconsideration of July 20, 2002 decision regarding division of the practical examination into three sections:
Oriental Medicine for 634A. 100 4. (a), (b) and (c).
Basic Medical Science for 634A. 100 4 (d).
Law and Regulations pertaining to health and safety for 634A.1004 (c).
Motion: Dr. Park motioned to accept the three sections as written.
Second: Dr. Lok
Action: Passed majority
11. Discussion regarding reconsideration of July 20, 2002 decision regarding creating more than one examination or a surplus of questions to be used alternately or on a random basis or devise some other mechanism to provide randomness in the questions offered at each testing date.
Motion: Dr. Roth motioned to have the testing companies to devise a pool of questions from which the exam is randomly drawn.
Second: Tom Stewart
Action: Passed unanimously
12. Discussion regarding consideration of practical examination:
- a. reviewing and hiring of a testing examiner or company
 - b. Establish objectives, criteria and guidelines for development of the practical examination
 - c. progress of development of practical examination and intended version of practical exam for December testing date.
- (a). Discussion regarding reviewing and hiring of a testing examiner or company
Motion: Dr. Park motioned for each individual Board member to bring information on different testing companies to the next board meeting, December 21, 2002 to prepare the board's practical exam
Action: Passed Unanimously
- (b). Discussion regarding establishing objectives, criteria and guidelines for development of the practical examination
Motion: Dr. Roth motioned that the oral and demonstration portions of the exam in Oriental Medicine has as their objective to test the thinking strategies and clinical skill of the applicant.
Second: No second
Action: Motion died
- (c). Discussion regarding the progress of development of the practical examination and intended version of practical exam for December testing date.
Motion: Tom Stewart motioned to give the exam already established and develop a new practical exam after the December 21, 2002 board meeting.
Second: Dr. Lok
Action: Passed Unanimously

13. Discussion regarding establishing a procedure for processing applications for licensure.

Motion: Dr. Roth moved to table item to next meeting December 21, 2002

Second: No Second

Action: Motion Died

14. **Public Comment:** Mark Montgomery

1. Spoke in regards to the impossibility of interpreting or modifying the statutes with regards to Setsuko Sages application his question is whether the modifications that have been made to the practical exam do not have the exact same effect . The definition that was given was a “practical examination that tests the applicants knowledge and understanding of the laws and regulations of this state relating to health and safety of Oriental Medicine, now what’s being required is a completely separate exam.
2. The Board’s discussion regarding the practical exam and not being redundant to the NCCAOM, shows a lack of familiarity with the NCCAOM. There is an entire series of questions which test the applicants ability to think clearly and diagnostic skills
3. Dr. Pasimio expressed some concerns with Oriental doctors who did not have sufficient western training ordering wrong tests because of their ignorance of the western procedures based on taking a couple courses. Dr. Roth mentioned we are not looking for people that are completely trained as western physicians. Dr. Lok said the test needs to be a basic knowledge not questions examiners couldn’t answer. It seems to me theirs fundamental confusion regarding the creating of this exam.

15. Adjournment at 1:00 p.m. (Next meeting: December 21, 2002)

